

TITLE	Ofsted Action Plan Following the Single Inspection of Services for Children in Need of Help and Protection, Children in Care and Care Leavers
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 28 June 2016
WARD	None Specific
STRATEGIC DIRECTOR	Judith Ramsden, Strategic Director of Children's Services

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Implementation of actions resulting from the recommended areas for improvement detailed by Ofsted following inspection in October 2016 are improving outcomes for children in need of help and protection, children in care and care leavers.

RECOMMENDATION

That the action plan in response to Ofsted recommendations is noted.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Annex A details the covering note and action plan submitted to Ofsted in April 2016 demonstrating substantial progress in addressing 12 areas for improvement identified during the Single Inspection of Services for Children in Need of Help and Protection, Children in Care and Care Leavers.

Background

In October 2016, Children's Services were subject to Ofsted Single Inspection of Services for Children in Need of Help and Protection, Children in Care and Care Leavers. In the subsequent report of inspection findings, Ofsted listed 12 areas where improvement work needed to be carried out. As a result a robust action plan was put in place.

Annex A is the covering note and action plan submitted to Ofsted in April 2016 showing substantial progress in addressing the 12 areas for improvement.

The Ofsted Action Plan has now been superseded by the Children's Services Quality Improvement Plan which captures areas for improvement informed by a recent self-assessment and stocktake of our current performance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	Not applicable		
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	Not applicable		
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	Not applicable		

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

None

Cross-Council Implications

n/a

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

n/a

List of Background Papers

None

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